

Ridley Tiger Cub

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The Chairman's Message

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TO: All Members of the Ridley Family

At the Board of Governors Meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 1988, Mr. H. Jeremy Packard, our sixth Headmaster, announced that 1988-89 will be his final year as Ridley's Headmaster.

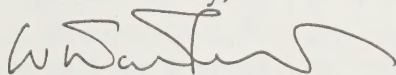
When we asked Mr. Packard in 1981 to become our Headmaster, it was his view and that of the Board's that five to ten years was the appropriate duration for a Headmaster of a school such as Ridley. His decision therefore is not surprising. Frankly today, the Board and we believe the Ridley Family had hoped that he would stay for a much longer time.

There will be another occasion to properly and more adequately express our appreciation for the leadership which Ridley has had for the last seven years. Suffice it to say now that Mr. Packard's departure will leave very large shoes to fill.

The Board approved the appointment of a Search and Selection Committee to be chaired by Bruce Mitchell, a member of the Board, and the son of Hoadley Mitchell who was also a member of the Board. Mr. Mitchell was born and raised in Edmonton. He attended Ridley from 1960 to 1963 (and he had three brothers at the school). His daughter is now attending the school. The composition of the committee will reflect the various parts of the Ridley Family - the Board, alumni, parents, faculty. A reasonable timetable should have Ridley's Seventh Headmaster selected and announced by March of next year.

Through Tiger and subsequent newsletters we will do our best to update you on the search and selection process.

Yours sincerely,

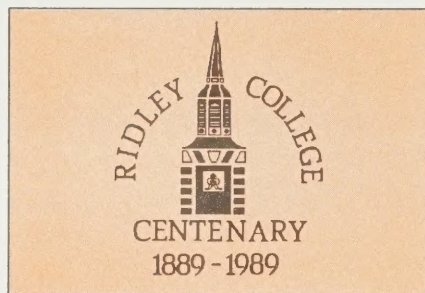


W. D. McKeough
Chairman of the Board

RIDLEY OPENS FOR ITS 100th YEAR WITH 607 STUDENTS

With approximately three more students than last year, Ridley commenced its 100th year on Sunday, September 11, 1988. A beautiful day assuaged the hassles in the complexity of welcoming 210 new students to the School. This year marks the historic entry of all of Grade 9 (72 students) into Upper School, and the inauguration of a new arrangement of our younger students into a Middle School of 96 students in Grades 5 through 8, the majority (67) day students. These numbers, under Mr. David Cosgrove as Director of Middle School, are 11 above last year's enrollment in Grade 5 through 8. Overall enrollment shows 39.4% females in the Ridley student body, with new students in Grades 10 and 11 virtually at parity of the sexes.

Major renovations saw the Leonard wing of the old Lower School complex reappointed as a boys' Upper School house in order to absorb the numbers of Grade 9's coming into Upper School. Conversion of a former faculty apartment and sewing room/dispensary areas adjacent to Mandeville wing along with a former faculty apartment annex in the Pest House enabled us to absorb the additional Grade 9 girls. Seven faculty moves were accomplished with concomitant refurbishment; the field in front of the



old Lower School complex was toppedressed and irrigated throughout the summer; and a host of other projects completed.

A \$30-million dollar plant running on an \$8-million dollar budget is not at any point of the year a static island of scholastic rumination! I did my ruminating this summer for a month in Vermont, discovering the joys of brush-hogging, while Sports Ridley baked in the heat and entertained approximately 1,500 youths in our own hockey, soccer, tennis, and tennis-computer camps, plus outside rental basketball, Crossing Guard camp, and Elderhostel.

A pleasant addition this summer on a day basis was the Niagara Symphony youth development program - with all respect to Mr. Cater's melifluous Irish tones, his mathematics classroom was never sweeter than with no less than five little girls each playing her own harp! The school hopes with the completion of the Second Century Building with its 350-seat Mandeville Theatre and 21 music practice rooms, to attract more arts and drama activities to our summer programs.

The Second Century Building is on construction schedule, and we have every expectation of moving in final furnishings over the Christmas vacation and starting to use the science, computer, art, and music facilities at the start of the winter (Lent) term in January. It is possible that the finishing touches may not be completed in the theatre for a few weeks after we start to use the rest of the building. All the masonry work is done, and soon the construction fence goes down and the surrounding grounds will be graded. The school musical is scheduled for performance March 1-4, 1989; at some point before that, we will have an official theatre opening. The formal dedication of the building is projected to be in early June by a member of the Royal Family.

Our Centennial Celebrations have inevitably begun on campus, though the official centennial is designated as calendar year, 1989. A giant birthday cake was baked by Beaver Food Service for the whole school to have dessert and a (non-alcoholic) punch after dinner on September 27 - to commemorate the meeting of the Founders in 1888 which agreed on the establishment of Ridley. Founders' Day (the Sunday closest to the martyrdom date of Nicholas Ridley - October 15, 1555) will be cele-

brated specially this year with a visit from Archbishop Peers, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and his unveiling of a mounted fragment of the Cathedral of Rochester, England, Nicholas Ridley's first see, from a portion of the cathedral which was standing at the time of his bishopric. Other centennial celebrations are listed elsewhere in this Cub, and more details will follow. At our Convocation at the start of this school year, I said to the students that the Centennial "is a reminder that but for thousands of other people, alumni, former faculty, past parents, founders, we would not be here. There would be nothing here, but another subdivision or mall in west St. Catharines. Let's make the best of it, the most of it, and let's enjoy it!" And that is just what we propose to do!

ing too long, but rather of an educator who realizes that if he does not move on, Ridley will be stuck with him and he with Ridley. Schools these days seldom profit by the decades of tenure that characterized earlier times when the pace of change was a little slower than today's. The conjunction of the Centennial, the completion of the Second Century Building, and (we hope) the Second Century Campaign close to being wound up, provide an appro-

priate coda to a changing of the guard. More on all this later, along with many thanks to the hundreds of members of the Ridley family across North America (and further isles) who have welcomed and supported Ingrid and myself so well. But, right now I'm working hard for Ridley - and will continue to do so for the next nine months. No limp of the lame duck!

H. Jeremy Packard
Headmaster

The decision referred to by the Chairman of the Board of Governors - that I will be leaving Ridley in June of 1989 - was reached by me and my wife with great reluctance. The experience has been marvellous. For our three young sons, it has been the only home they have known; for my two older children, it is the school from which they graduated and to which they owe much. But, in the current jargon, my biological time clock is ticking away; my concerns are not those of the middle-aged career woman who fears she may defer childbear-



BIG 'R' BAZAAR

The Niagara Branch of the Ridley College Women's Guild is once again looking forward to another successful Big 'R' Bazaar.

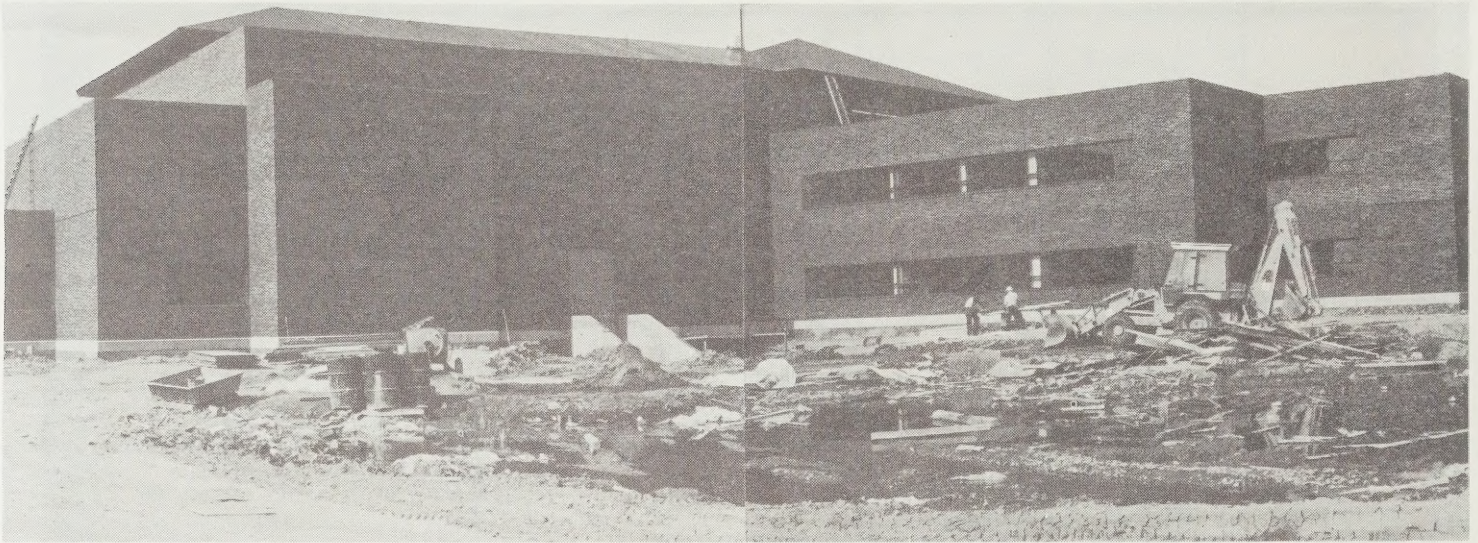
Our 9th Annual Bazaar will be held this year on Saturday, October 15th from 11:00 to 3:00. The Committee is already hard at work preparing to top last year's financial success. Your support is needed too.

We need your help - please get in touch with:

Brid O'Reilly, Committee Chairman at 416-688-1317

Over the past years many warm friendships have been established by those involved with the Bazaar. The Committee would welcome any new faces, especially parents, new to Ridley, in joining us to organize the Big 'R'.

THE TOUGHEST CHALLENGE - THE LAST MILLION



Panoramic view of the 2nd Century Building, looking northeast, with the Mandeville Theatre/Auditorium on the left and the Siebens Science Wing on the right. Photo by: Les Andrew

The Ridley College 2nd Century Campaign now faces its toughest challenge - the last million. To be exact, \$982,000 is still needed to reach our \$13.6 million goal. However, to attain all the campaign targets, more than this figure will be necessary. The J. R. Hamilton Chair in Mathematics and Science is still underfunded by approximately \$300,000, the Professional Development Fund by nearly \$400,000, and some of the regional scholarships still require additional funding.

Money is still needed for completing and equipping the new 2nd Century Building. However, construction is progressing on schedule with the exterior of the building nearly complete. The property manager, Les Andrew, and the contractor, Newman Brothers, both predict a December, 1988, completion date with student occupancy in January, 1989, the beginning of our Centennial Year. The theatre/auditorium should be ready for use February 1.

Since the Hamilton Kickoff in September, 1986, the campaign has received gifts from 1,565 donors, totaling \$12,618,000 and, in addition, the Annual Fund has increased during each year of the campaign. The Board of Governors' wise and courageous decision to maintain the Annual Fund throughout the duration of the 2nd Century Campaign has been more than justified by these results.

To all our donors, in particular those who have maintained their Ridley Fund gifts annually in addition to a capital gift, Ridley extends its deepest appreciation. Today, the campaign has reached the critical point; with such success, the danger arises that people will start to rationalize **not giving** by thinking that the \$13.6 million target will be reached **without** their donation. This is simply not the case. Each donation, large or small, yours in particular, is vital to the successful conclusion of Ridley's historic 2nd Century Campaign.

Robert E. Stanley, Director of Development

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Sr. Girls Field Hockey vs Grantham 4:00 p.m.	4 Sr. Girls Field Hockey vs Glenlyon - Norfolk - 4:00	5 1st Soccer vs S.A.C.-2:00 p.m. Jr. Field Hockey vs St. John's	6 Thanksgiving Weekend 12:30 p.m.	7	8
9	10 Boarders Return 9:00 p.m.	11	12 1st Soccer vs Albert - 2:00 p.m. Harriers-Brock Invitational	13	14 Sr. Girls Field Hockey -SOSSA Zone 4 Tourny	15 Big 'R' Bazaar Girls Junior B.B Tourny
16 <i>Founders' Day Service 10:30 a.m. Primate of the Anglican Church</i>	17 Girls Basketball vs Collegiate 4:00 p.m.	18	19 HarriersZone 4 at Shorthill & Sr. Field Hockey Zone 1/4 Finals	20	21 Association Weekend Sr. Field Hockey Zone Semi-Finals	22 1st Football vs Appleby 1st Soccer vs Old Boys
23 Association Weekend	24 1st Soccer vs Appleby 4:00 p.m.	25 Girls Basketball vs Lakeport & Sr. Field Hockey SOSSA Finals	26 Harriers S.O.S.S.A.	27	28	29 Grade 13 Parents' Day & University Day 1st FR vs TCS
30	31	1	2	3 Girls Basketball vs Sir Winston Churchill - 4:00	4 Remembrance Day Service	5 S.A.T. and Achievement Tests & Harriers O.E.S.S.A.
6 4th Dimension Commences	7	8	9 <i>Ridley Bermuda Reception</i>	10 Mid-Term Break 12:30 p.m.	11	12
13	14 Boarders Return 9:00 p.m.	15	16 <i>Upper School Cross Country Run - 1:30 p.m.</i>	17	18	19 Grade 9 & 10 Parents' Day 1st Hockey vs Alumni
20	21	22 Ridley Forum - H.J. Packard "The Salem Witches" 7 p.m.	23	24 <i>Cross Country Dinner 6:00 p.m.</i>	25 1st Hockey Early Bird Tournament	26
27 St. Thomas' & Ridley Commemorative Service - 10:30 am	28	29	30	1 "The Crucible" - School Play	2	3 S.A.T. and Achievement Tests
4	5	6 Exams Begin	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Lessons & Carols 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.</i>	12	13	14	15 Michaelmas Term Ends 11:30 a.m.	16	17

MICHAELMAS TERM CALENDAR

4th DIMENSION TRIPS

Although it is the intention of the school to provide as wide a variety of extra-curricular activities and trips as possible in a school year, it is impossible to schedule these in such a way that every student can make a free choice. It is inevitable that a student may wish to choose two activities that overlap or coincide; in that case, it is essential (and, indeed, a good thing) for the student to be forced to make a choice. In order for students to make those choices with as much knowledge in advance as possible, I'm listing below the major trips and activities (other than single day trips) that are planned for this fall.

Grade 9	Kandalore: Sunday - Thursday
Grade 10	Science North: Sunday - Thursday Ottawa: Sunday - Thursday
Grade 11	Leadership Conference: Sunday - Thursday Boston: (22 maximum) Saturday - Wednesday Advanced Kandalore: (c. 20-25 max.) Sunday - Thursday
Grade 12	New York (c. 22-25 maximum) Saturday - Wednesday Quebec/Montreal Sunday - Thursday Washington Sunday - Thursday
Grade 12	University Tours/Workshop (25 max.) Sunday - Thursday
Grade 13	University Tours Sunday - Thursday

All Grades **Probing Ocean** - St. Andrew's, NB
November 3 - 10
1st Football to Tabor Academy &
Eastern Massachusetts.
Sunday - Thursday
Harriers - Bermuda
Sunday - Thursday
Soviet Union - Leave Early
SCUBA - Bahamas
Saturday - Saturday
Niagara/Toronto Orientation
(Foreign Students)
Sunday - Thursday
Debating - New England
Sunday - Thursday

Other Activities

School Dramatic Production
December 1 - 3
Hockey Trip to Denmark
December 15 - 23

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